

HOUSE RESOLUTION 227

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Edd Markle on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1950, John Edd Markle and Willie Lou Griffin were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the Markles will celebrate with family and friends on May 28, 2000 in Somerville, Tennessee; it will be a time of remembering the past, celebrating the present, and looking to the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Markle have been highly respected citizens of the Arlington community for over 50 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, John Edd Markle was born on September 30, 1929 in Macon, Tennessee, the son of Clara Belle Denston and Edgar L. Markle; at the age of two, Mr. Markle's mother died

and he was raised by his Grandmother Markle, aunts, and uncles in Fayette County for most of his early life; and

WHEREAS, he received his G.E.D. from Bolton High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Markle served this state and country with great bravery and probity during the Korean War from 1952-54; he was a Corporal in the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the United States Army and spent a meritorious term of 17 months in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Edd Markle served with acumen and alacrity in the State of Tennessee Department of Highways Construction Engineers for 30 years and four months, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, presently, he raises goats and operates a mowing service in the spring and summer months; he also takes an active role in community issues that concern him; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lou Griffin was born on February 6, 1922 to Jim and Francis Wylie Griffin at their home on Pea Point Road, now Chambers Chapel Road, in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, she attended George R. James School, Arlington Elementary, and then graduated from Bartlett High School in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Markle served with probity at Sears and at Arlington School; subsequently, she too worked for the State of Tennessee Department of Highways where she was a valued and respected employee for 30 years and 6 months; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Markle are devoted and active members of the Chambers Chapel United Methodist Church; Mrs. Markle has been active in the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary for several years, and was selected by the church as the Unsung Heroine for the Memphis McKendree District Unsung Heroes and Heroines in 1997; she has also taught Sunday School and served in various offices in the United Methodist Women's group; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Markle's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Markle on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.